(b) During the period from 1st Ja-nuary; 92 to 28th February; 1993; 565 ad-hoc allotment have been made in Type-III, 300 in Type IV and 133 in Type V.

(c) Ad-hoc allotments in relaxation of the rules are made to the following categories of Government employees:

(1) the wards of retired deceased employees.

(ii) the personal staff of Minis ters, Judges of Supreme Court, Members of Planning Commission etc.

(iii) the key personnel in the PM's office, and

(iv) on medical grounds such as TB Cancer and heart troublr and physically handicapped.

In addition, in cases where the prescribed yardsticks are not fully met, the competent authority can sanction ad-hoc allotments on compassionate grounds.

(d) No case ic held in abeyance However some sanctions have bren reprioritise because out of turn allotments are made in thr ratio of 1:4 only. There is a time period between issue of a sanction order for an out-of-tum allotment and the actual allotment.

(e) The out-of-tum allotment under the discretionary quota as compared to the interim allotment is 28 per cent.

Priority to Housing and Urban Development

1499 SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are conffl-dering the need for according highest priority to housing and urban development:

(b) if so, what is the pace of increase in urban population;

(c) whether the problems of health, sewerage and drinking water in urban areas have increased; and

(d) if so, the action taken theron;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P K. THUNGON): (a) In the 8th Plan document, housing has been recognised as a major economic and employment sector. It has been recognised that urbanisation helps to con-tribute to the growth process at large. Keeping in view the rising contribution of housing and urban development towards country's RDP, these srctors are accorded priority in 8th Plan.

(b) The pace of growth of urban population varied from 0.35 per cent in the decade 1901—1911 to 46.14 per cent in the de6ade 1971-81. During the decade 1981-91 however, the increase in urban population was to the extent of 39.19 per cent.

(c) and (d) With the pace of in-crelase of urban population the problems of health sewerage and drinking water in urban areas have also increased . In order to improve environmental conditions prevailing in urban slums, by State Governments have been operating a scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums'. Under the scheme, amenities like water supply, open drains community blocks, community latrines, pave ment of streets, lanes and street lighting are provided. This supple* This is supplemented by Central Schemes for Urban Basic Services. In addition, Government is implementing a scheme for Integrated Deve-lopment of Small and Medium Towns from 1979-80 till 31-12-1992. 817 towns have been covered and central asste-

tance of Rs. 176.17 crores released to various States, UTs.

With a view to accelerate the Water Supply in urban areas with less than 20,000 population, a new centrally sponsored. Accelerated Urban Water Supply Scheme has been included in the 8th Plan.

Implementation of NCR Plans

1500. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: WiU the Minister of URABAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not been able to ensure speedy implementation of the National Capital Region (NCR) plans by decon, gesting Delhi and shifting offices of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to the neighbourng States:

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the PSUs are resisting the move to shift their offices in the NCR outside Delhi by turning down the advices: and

(d) whal action Government propose to take to effectively implement the NCR plan to decongest Delhi within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN, THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) It is not correct to say that the NCR Plan has not been made any headway. The NCR Regional Plan 2001 came into force only in January, 1989. Thereafter a detailed investment of plan for Eighth Five Year Plan was approved by NCR Planning Board.

(c) Some Public Sector Undertakings have requested for reconsideration of the decision to shift their offices outside Delhi.

(d) The Regional Plan 2001 for Na tional Capital Region envisages de-centralisaton of those wholesale tra des which are hazardous in nature by developing suitable locations outside Delhi. The proposal is to be fur ther elaborated in the Subregional Plan of Delhi. No definite time frame for the implementation of the proposal can be indicated.

Charter of demands submitted by Slum dwellers

1501. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVEr LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have re ceived any Charter of Demands from the slum dwellers of Bhopal in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have Oaken on their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No Charter of Demands has been received from the slum, dwellers of Bhopal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

बिहार की राजधानी पटना के विकास के लिए योजना

1502. श्री गया सिंह : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा बिहार की राजधानी पटना के विकास के लिए कौन-कौन सी योजनाएं आरम्भ की गई हैं ;

(ख) उनकी वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है; और